

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This international search report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☐ Claims Nos :
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:

2. ☐ Claims Nos :
because they relate to parts of the international application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful international search can be carried out, specifically:

3. ☐ Claims Nos :
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a)

Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 3 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

See extra sheet.

1. ☒ As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers all searchable claims
2. ☐ As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
3. ☐ As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:

4. ☐ No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this international search report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:

Remark on Protest

☐ The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.

☐ No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

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Supplemental Box

(To be used when the space in any of Boxes I to VIII is not sufficient)

Continuation of Box No: II

The international application does not comply with the requirements of unity of invention because it does not relate to a single invention or inventive concept only. In coming to this conclusion, the International Searching Authority has found that there are three invention:

- Claims 1-4, 19-32, 47, 49-58. The detection of pitch values of marked musical notes is considered to be a first "special technical feature."
- Claims 5-9, 33-37. The extraction of note markers from the gradient function of a sound signal's envelope is a second "special technical feature."
- Claims 10-18, 38-46, 48. The detection of pitch values by clustering is a third "special technical feature."

Since these groups of claims do not share any of the special technical features identified above, a "technical relationship" between the inventions, as defined in PCT rule 13.2, does not exist. Hence the claims lack unity.

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER		
Int. Cl. ⁷ : G10G 1/04, 3/04		
According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC		
B. FIELDS SEARCHED		
Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)		
Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched		
Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used) USPTO, DWPI, INSPEC, internet (IPC: G10G 1/04, 3/04, US: 84/-, music, humming, query by humming, transcribe, score, note, pitch, envelope, attack, decay, estimation, detection, recognition, clustering, etc.)		
C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT		
Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	US 5,038,658 (TSURUTA et al), 13 August 1991 the whole document	1-9, 19-37, 47, 49-58
Y	(when combined with US 5,874,686, US 6,437,227, WO 01/11496 or Smith et al)	22-24, 50-52
X	US 5,986,199 (PEEVERS), 16 November 1999 the whole document (in particular, column 4, lines 45-59)	1-9, 19-37, 47, 49-58
Y	(when combined with US 5,874,686, US 6,437,227, WO 01/11496 or Smith et al)	22-24, 50-52
X, P	US 6,476,308 B1 (ZHANG), 5 November 2002 the whole document (in particular, column 3, line 26 – column 4, line 38)	1-9, 19-37, 47, 49-58
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Y	US 5,874,686 (GHILAS et al), 23 February 1999 the whole document (when combined with US 5,038,658 or US 5,986,199)	22-24, 50-52
Y	US 6,437,227 B1 (THEIMER), 20 August 2002 the whole document (when combined with US 5,038,658 or US 5,986,199)	22-24, 50-52
Y	WO 01/11496 A2 (SIBELIUS SOFTWARE LTD.) 15 February 2001 the whole document (when combined with US 5,038,658 or US 5,986,199)	22-24, 50-52
Y	Smith, L. A. et al, <i>Music Information Retrieval Using Audio Input</i> . In: Proc. AAAI Spring Symposium on Intelligent Integration and Use of Text, Image, Video, and Audio Corpora, 1997 <URL: http://www.cs.waikato.ac.nz/~ihw/papers/97LAS-RJM-IHW-Music-Info.pdf > the whole document (when combined with US 5,038,658 or US 5,986,199)	22-24, 50-52
A	Li, J. et al, <i>Mandarin Four-Tone Recognition with the Fuzzy C-Means Algorithm</i> . In: Proc. IEEE International Fuzzy Systems Conference, 1999 the whole document (section 3 in particular)	10-18, 38-46, 48

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Information on patent family members

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This Annex lists the known "A" publication level patent family members relating to the patent documents cited in the above-mentioned international search report. The Australian Patent Office is in no way liable for these particulars which are merely given for the purpose of information.

Patent Document Cited in Search Report				Patent Family Member			
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US	5986199	NONE					
US	6476308	JP	2003140647				
US	5874686	NONE					
US	6437227	DE	19948974	EP	1093109		
WO	0111496	AU	6456800	US	2003023421		
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